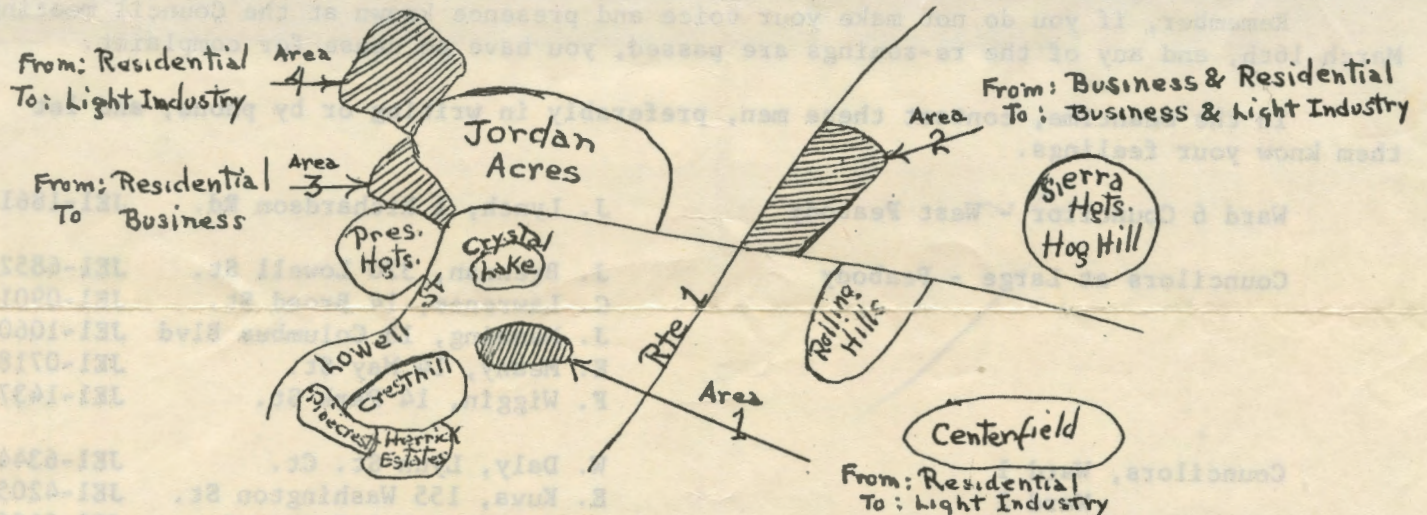


PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS

The time is drawing near for a decision by the City Council on the re-zonings for light industry and general business in West Peabody. The Council will hold its hearing on March 16th at 8:00PM in City Hall, downtown Peabody. It has been proposed that the following areas be changed.



Although the Planning Board has recommended Areas 2 and 3 be re-zoned under law, it is for the Council only to decide whether these changes be made. We believe that once the character of the land is changed, it will not stop. Experience has shown that once one square inch of additional land is re-zoned for industry or business, the re-zoned area spreads like a cancer. If any one of the proposed re-zonings is passed by the Council, it will destroy the area's character of residential living that so many people spent money to obtain.

It is time you woke up to the fact that almost all of the remaining available land in West Peabody has already been sold to builders. Where are the needed schools to be located. What about parks, playgrounds, recreation areas for our children. Last year, 200 out of 350 youngsters could not play organized baseball in West Peabody for want of playing facilities. Let us hope that our Councilors are far-sighted enough to follow up on our request to take the Ryan land (Area 3), plus Crystal Lake, by eminent domain for a city park. Let Areas 2 or 4 be held for a school.

Let us also hope that the City Councilors understand why we are against the re-zonings. Thousands bought homes in West Peabody in the belief that they were moving into a strictly residential area. Many were led to believe this by City-approved builders. Let the available and empty areas in our city, including West Peabody, already zoned for industry and business, be revitalized for this purpose. Since the assessments on the houses in West Peabody are generally higher than in any other area of this size, we feel we have the right to ask that our property values be protected, which in turn assures a continued high tax revenue for Peabody.

This year is an election year. Many thousands of you will be eligible to vote. We urge you to attend the Council meeting on March 16th to be seen and heard, and then heard again at election time. You will be notified before the elections how each Councilman votes on this vital issue.

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We pledge ourselves as a group to continue the fight for Constant Safety, Betterment and Proper Zoning in West Peabody, along with the other groups that have protested against one or more of these re-zonings in the past few months (including the West Peabody Community Club, the Kiley School P.T.A. and the Jordan Acres Garden Club).

Remember, if you do not make your voice and presence known at the Council meeting March 16th, and any of the re-zonings are passed, you have no cause for complaint.

In the meantime, contact these men, preferably in writing or by phone, and let them know your feelings.

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J. Lynch, 1 Richardson Rd. JE1-1861

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J. Brennan, 320 Lowell St. JE1-6852

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E. Meany, 14 May St. JE1-0718

F. Wiggin, 14 Park St. JE1-1437

Councilors, Ward 1

W. Daly, Lynn St. Ct. JE1-6344

Ward 2

E. Kuva, 155 Washington St. JE1-4205

Ward 3

J. J. Tierny, 137 Main St. JE1-5156

Ward 4

N. Mavroules, 21 Harris St. JE1-5410

Ward 5

J. Micalchuk, 69 Central St. JE1-1441

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